

Section: 1321

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Nassau County Police Department

Address of Requesting Entity: 1490 Franklin Avenue, Mineola, NY 11501

Description of Request: The transfer of two excess 41-foot utility boats from the U.S. Coast Guard to the Nassau County Police Department. The conveyance of these vessels will enhance the port and homeland security capabilities within the region.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DOC HASTINGS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 3, 2009

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Madam Speaker, I wish to record that had I been present I would have voted in favor of H.R. 1168, the Veterans Retraining Act; H. Res. 291, Recognizing the crucial role of assistance dogs in helping wounded veterans live more independent lives; and S. 509, to authorize a major medical facility project at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Walla Walla, Washington. The late notice by the Majority of this week's schedule made it impossible to secure a flight back from my district in time for these votes.

S. 509 is of particular importance, as it authorizes \$71.4 million to design and construct a new veterans outpatient clinic and renovate existing facilities at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center at Walla Walla, Washington State. The Walla Walla facilities serve 70,000 veterans in Oregon, Idaho and Washington State, including many in my own Congressional district. This bill has my strong support and I commend my colleagues for supporting it.

RECOGNIZING THE CRUCIAL ROLE OF ASSISTANCE DOGS IN HELPING WOUNDED VETERANS

SPEECH OF

HON. RON KLEIN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 2, 2009

Mr. KLEIN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to support H. Res. 291, a resolution honoring the work of Tower of Hope, an organization that provides assistance dogs to disabled veterans.

Thanks to modern medicine, more and more of our brave men and women are able to survive wounds that may have been fatal in the past. This is a blessing, but it requires new tools in order to ensure that these soldiers lead productive lives.

Tower of Hope helps to keep America's promise to disabled veterans and helps improve their quality of life after their service. Tower of Hope helps veterans cross the street, go to work, take their medications, and visit the doctor's office. Tower of Hope has also helped me to craft H.R. 3266, the Wounded Warrior K9 Corps Act, legislation to reimburse organizations for the work they do in training assistance dogs and veterans.

I have seen these programs in action. These programs succeed, and I believe that every American who puts on a uniform and

risks their life for this country should have the full support of this Congress.

I thank my colleague from Florida, Mr. HASTINGS for his leadership on this resolution and the staff and supporters of the Tower of Hope for their important work, and I urge my colleagues to support this resolution.

HONORING DONALD K. WHITE, JR.

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 3, 2009

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Madam Speaker, today I honor the life and work of Donald K. White, Jr. who passed away earlier this month after a truly courageous fight with cancer.

Don White was the Assistant Superintendent for the AOC's Capitol Superintendent's Office since 2000, and began his career with the Architect of the Capitol in June 1990. His service to our great country started with the U.S. Marine Corps.

Don White always took great pride in his work, and was committed to providing outstanding service to Congress and the visiting public. Under his direction, the American people have enjoyed several major events at the Capitol, including the past three Presidential Inaugurations. He was truly the personification of the excellent work and values that we strive to embody in our own service to the government.

Madam Speaker, Donald White, Jr. is survived by his children, Donald III and Ashley, and his grandson Matthew Alexander White. I know that I speak for all of my colleagues when I say that he will be remembered, and missed, for his lifelong work and service to our government and our nation.

HONORING WALTER M. LAWSON, JR., OHIO VETERANS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

HON. JIM JORDAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 3, 2009

Mr. JORDAN of Ohio. Madam Speaker, the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame will hold a ceremony in Columbus this week to mark the induction of its 2009 class. I am honored to commend to the House one of these inductees: the late Walter M. Lawson, Jr., of Lima.

A graduate of North High School in Columbus, Mr. Lawson earned his undergraduate degree at The Ohio State University in 1941. Following his distinguished service in the Second World War, he returned to his alma mater, completing his juris doctorate work in 1948. He later served in the Korean Conflict, achieving the rank of captain.

Aside from his time in Korea, Mr. Lawson served the Lima community in private legal practice from 1948 to his death in 2006. Additionally, he was Lima's law director for four years, preceded by seven years as assistant law director. From 1974 until his death, he also served the Village of Elida as its solicitor. He was president of the Ohio State Bar Association and the Allen County Bar Association,

and was admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States.

Mr. Lawson's devotion to community service provides us with an outstanding model of civic participation. A past president of the local Jaycees and past chairman of the Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission, he was a charter member and longtime leader in Ohio Optimist International, which honored him with inclusion in its hall of fame and also with the 2007 Humanitarian Award. His devotion to the youth of Lima and Allen County was well known from his service to the Lima Area Youth Orchestra, the Boy Scouts of America, and the Junior Achievement Board. He held numerous offices at Lima's Market Street Presbyterian Church, where he was a member for more than a half century.

Mr. Lawson was a life member of the Allen County chapter of the Disabled American Veterans, Post 96 of the American Legion, Post 1275 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Lima AMVETS chapter, and the Korean War Veterans Association. Additionally, he served as president of the Allen County Veterans Service Commission.

Madam Speaker, selection for the Hall of Fame is a high honor accorded to only 20 Ohioans each year. To be considered for induction, individuals must not only serve the nation honorably in the military, but also reflect the high value of service to others in their post-military careers.

I am pleased to join in the accolades for Mr. Walter M. Lawson, Jr., and his inestimable record of service as he is inducted into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame.

TRIBUTE TO EVA MAE HARDEN

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 3, 2009

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Madam Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to the life and legacy of the late Ms. Eva Mae Harden. It is with both profound sadness, but also an enduring sense of gratitude that I recognize her for the tremendous inspiration she provided to the South Florida community.

Ms. Harden was born on March 15, 1914, in Leesburg County, Georgia to the late Charlie and Roxie Brown. She later married the late Fletcher Harden. Once Ms. Harden relocated to Miami, Florida in 1951, she began her journey through traveling with the church and crossing the border of many foreign countries.

She remarried her husband Fletcher Harden in 1981 and the two celebrated their Golden Anniversary in the same church she diligently served in for 60 years. Moreover, Ms. Harden served on the Deaconess Board, the Board of Missions and the Senior Saints at Bethel Full Gospel Baptist Church. She was relentless when it came to giving to the church, and she paid her tithes and offerings throughout her 60 years of membership.

Ms. Harden was blessed with a loving family who took pleasure in every aspect of her life and her interests. I offer my heartfelt condolences to her five children and a total of 135 grandchildren; great grandchildren; great, great grandchildren; and great, great, great grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and all the members of this esteemed legislative body to